

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 310

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Na'Sha LaVonta Austin,  
2013 Valedictorian of Frayser High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Na'Sha LaVonta Austin is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2013 graduating class at Frayser High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Na'Sha has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Austin has earned an exemplary grade point average of 4.8; and

WHEREAS, Na'Sha has graciously dedicated her time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a three-year Captain of the softball team and two-year Captain of the volleyball team; Senior Class President; and member of the basketball team, Aspire Team, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Envoy Project, and the Memphis PREP Program; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Ms. Austin has served as a volunteer for multiple community clean-up projects, she volunteered at the local VA Hospital, she helped supervise and assist in setting up equipment for the Frayser Fall Festival at Ed Rice Community Center, she volunteered at the Frayser Christmas Parade, she participated in the Soup Bowl Kitchen in downtown Memphis and Chocolate Fantasy at the Oak Court Mall, and she donated money to LeBonheur Children's Hospital and the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Na'Sha Austin has been named to the Principal's List and the Distinguished Honor Roll, and she has earned the JROTC Dedicated

Student plaque, Memphis PREP Program certificates, Most Supportive Softball trophy, All-District Tournament plaque, and the Northfield Mount Hermon Summer Session 2012 Outstanding Student Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Austin's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, which she plans to attend to pursue a degree in nursing; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Catrina Austin and William Austin III, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Na'Sha Austin's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2013 Frayser High School Valedictorian, Na'Sha LaVonta Austin, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.